

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

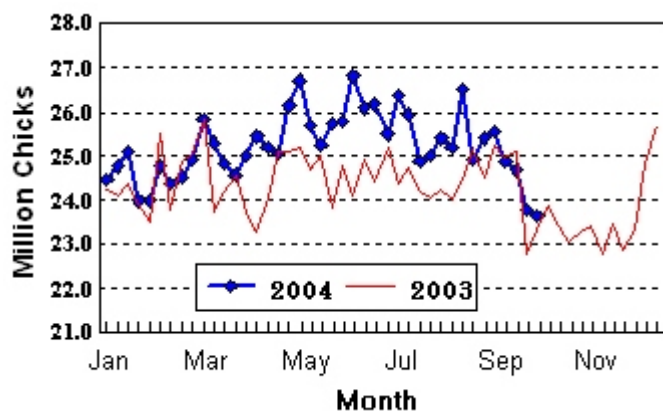
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending October 9, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 9, 2004 were 1.03 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.5 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

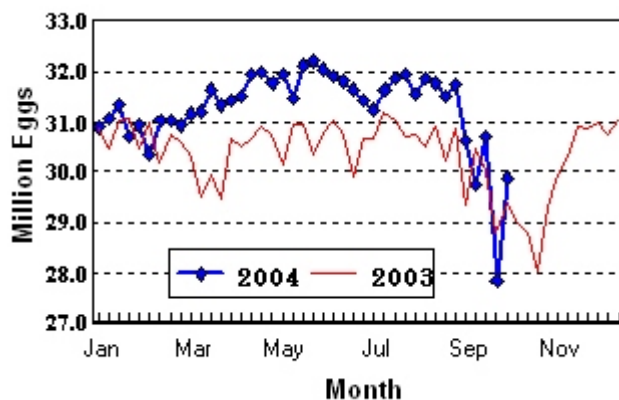
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 9, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 7 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 4	24,513	25,421	104	25,164	26,183	104	30,875	31,753	103
Sep. 11	25,253	25,536	101	25,531	26,208	103	29,368	30,639	104
Sep. 18	24,972	24,868	100	24,763	25,938	105	30,458	29,739	98
Sep. 25	25,128	24,656	98	25,337	26,187	103	30,013	30,749	102
Oct. 2	22,798	23,806	104	24,220	25,457	105	28,806	27,856	97
Oct. 9	23,333	23,661	101	25,229	24,504	97	29,386	29,881	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct		04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	
Alabama	28,736 *	29,371	29,335	28,953	105	21,911	21,825	21,309 *	21,257	21,052	19,976	98
ARKANSAS	29,739 *	30,749	27,856	29,881	102	25,421	25,536	24,868	24,656	23,806 *	23,661	101
Delaware	3,250	3,551	3,631	3,619	103	4,897	4,719	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644	103
Florida	1,349	1,359	1,348	1,349	99	1,182	1,359	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555	103
Georgia	31,945	30,739	31,504	32,751	103	26,594	27,180	27,310	27,247	25,441 *	25,792	106
Kentucky	6,204	6,636	6,547 *	6,941	102	5,678	6,012	5,982	5,595	5,454 *	5,379	99
Louisiana	3,968	3,816	3,846	3,816	102	3,839	3,662	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655	99
Maryland	7,872	8,587	8,548	8,053	95	5,858	6,020	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567	87
Mississippi	18,297 *	18,308	17,923	18,194	102	17,576	17,194	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626	106
N. Carolina	17,074 *	17,904	16,649	17,084	103	14,331	14,715	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669	109
Oklahoma	5,992 *	5,782	5,699	6,195	106	4,857	5,021	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304	75
Pennsylvania	3,251	3,683 *	3,804	3,679	107	2,830	2,894	2,903	2,907 *	2,665	2,470	97
S. Carolina	4,208	4,012	4,223	4,267	105	4,772	3,789	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537	108
Texas	13,314 *	15,213 *	14,759 *	15,125	106	12,776 *	12,704 *	12,733 *	12,575 *	12,254 *	11,105	103
Virginia	5,839	6,245	5,847	6,530	103	5,408	5,401	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820	103
CA,MO,IN,WV	16,306 *	16,711 *	17,261 *	17,211	112	16,344 *	16,204 *	14,985 *	15,735 *	16,949 *	15,431	112
Total 2004	197,344 *	202,666 *	198,780 *	203,648		174,274 *	174,235 *	172,963 *	171,171 *	166,846 *	161,191	
Total 2003	193,335	195,868	195,032	196,592		168,221	168,773	165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612	
%Prev. Year	102	103	102	104		104	103	104	105	105	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending October 9, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 9, 2004 were 7.05 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.